

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the Group I invention as defined in Claims 1-4.

The election of the Group I invention is made with traverse because it is believed that, at least with respect to the Group I and Group II inventions, the claims can be examined at the same time without serious burden. While it is recognized that the Group I and Group II inventions may be separately classified, it is believed that the search required for the elected invention set forth in Claims 1-4 would likely extend into those areas where the non-elected Group II invention would be searched. In addition, examining both sets of claims at the same time would only involve consideration of a few additional claims.

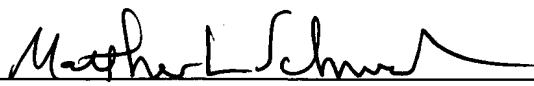
In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the restriction requirement at least with respect to the Group I and Group II invention, and examination of the claims in such claim groupings, including Claims 1-4 directed to the elected invention, are respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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